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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) San Bernardino – 34 Mexican Mafia Members Charged with Smuggling Drugs into County Jails

(U) Two dozen suspected gang members and associates describes as “foot soldiers” for the Mexican Mafia, were arrested in a scheme to deliberately get arrested to smuggle drugs and syringes hidden in their bodies into San Bernardino County jails. The 24 suspects were arrested during a large gang sweep throughout San Bernardino County and an additional 10 defendants already in custody were also charged. During the investigation, law enforcement officials also seized 30 pounds of meth, 4 pounds of heroin and 23 firearms.

SOURCE: 25 April 2019, [KTLA](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Otay Ranch – Border Patrol Chase Ends in Deadly Crash

(U) A rollover crash on state Route 125 left one person dead and prompted the closure of both directions of the freeway in the Otay Ranch area. Four individuals suspected of illegally entering the US loaded into a vehicle and drove away. Agents initiated a traffic stop, but the vehicle fled from agents before losing control and rolling over the median of the highway. The remaining individuals were taken to the hospital and their injuries were not immediately released.

SOURCE: 25 April 2019, [NBC San Diego](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Maryland – Coast Guard Lieutenant Accused of Terror Attack Plot to be released from Detention

(U) Silver Spring – A federal magistrate ruled a Coast Guard lieutenant, accused of plotting a domestic terror attack, will be released from detention. The suspect had been indicted on weapons and drug charges, but did not face any charges related to terrorism or attempted murder. The judge agreed that the government had not met a standard for continued detention. The suspect will not be released until the terms of his supervised release are agreed upon at a future hearing.

SOURCE: 25 April 2019, [CNN](#)

(U) New York – 65 Facing Charges in Central New York Multi-County Drug Bust

(U) Oneida County – Dozens are facing charges after a multi-county drug bust spanning Central New York. A 15-month drug trafficking investigation – Operation Central City – resulted in 65 people indicted and thousands of bags of drugs seized. The state attorney general advised that law enforcement used surveillance and wiretaps to discover that fentanyl, heroin, and cocaine were brought into Oneida County and four other counties by two drug rings.

SOURCE: 25 April 2019, [WKTV NY](#)

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UNCLASSIFIED//FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY**(U) INTERNATIONAL****(U) Afghanistan – Afghan Official Says Taliban Ambush Police Convoy, Kill Nine**

(U) Tripoli – The Taliban ambushed a security convoy in western Afghanistan, killing nine policemen. The ambush took place in Anardara district as the convoy was heading to defuse a roadside bomb. After the attack, Taliban insurgents targeted and briefly overran the district police headquarters. The insurgents have been staging near-daily attacks across Afghanistan even as they hold talks with a US envoy.

SOURCE: 25 April 2019, [Washington Times](#)

(U) Sri Lanka – Police Looking for 140 with Islamic State Links

(U) Colombo – Sri Lankan president advised that police are looking for 140 people believed to have links with ISIS over the Easter Sunday attacks on churches and hotels that killed at least 253 people. The president further advised that some Sri Lankan youths had been involved with the extremist group since 2013, and that top defense and police chiefs had not shared information about impending attacks.

SOURCE: 25 April 2019, [Reuters](#)

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